

HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

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BILL: CS/SB 1500, 2nd Eng.
SPONSOR: Ethics and Elections Committee and Senator Cowin
SUBJECT: Elections
PREPARED BY: Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections
DATE: May 2, 2003

I. Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1 - 288377 (Body with Title)

II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1 strips out the following Senate provisions, making the bill a narrow one exclusively implementing the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002 (“HAVA”):

- Re-establishment of Leadership Funds;
- Regulation of Issue Advocacy;
- Continued Moratorium on the 2nd Primary Election; and,
- Minor campaign finance changes relating to the filing of termination reports and the regulation of political advertisements on the Internet

The amendment is *substantially similar* to the Senate’s HAVA portion of the bill, except for the repeal of an obsolete section of law, some cross-reference disparity, a few seemingly superfluous provisions relating to voting by disabled persons, and technical/drafting differences.